[President.]

to give notice of these amendments. That however will not finish matters. Here I will pause for a moment and say that I have myself been feeling that far too many Bills are introduced in the Lower House *ab initio*. Steps will be taken that a fair proportion of the Bills are introduced first in the Upper House, namely, 40 or 50 per cent. of the Bills which Government are projecting will be introduced in the Upper House and the other portion will be moved in the Lower House and then the Upper House will proceed with the consideration. This will be followed in future.

President : That again will not end the matter, because in the course of the deliberations before one House or the other, vital amendments may be made. Honourable members who might not have desired to move any amendments, if the Bill were as it emerged from the Select Committee may find it necessary to put forward amendments in view to what has taken place in the Chamber. Steps will be taken hereafter that if vital amendments are made in one Chamber, which will necessitate full consideration of the whole Bill as amended, those Bills will come up for consideration in the other Chamber not in the same session, but in the following session.

So far as the present business is concerned, as I have endeavoured to point out, I find that no amendments have been tabled or passed in the Lower House. And I find that except in regard to the Chitties Bill no amendments have come forward here. I therefore, wish to take the opinion of the House whether we may not go on with the business.

The House assented.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma : I want a clarification from the Legal Remembrancer regarding Section 15 Part 1. It is stated that a person would not be allowed to pull down or remove a building. That does not in any way affect the right of Government or the right of any person.

President : But we have not come to the Town Planning Act (Amendment) Bill.

THE TRAVANCORE TOWN PLANNING ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai : I move that the Travancore Town Planning Act (Amendment) Bill, as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration.

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Mr. S. Ramaswami Aiyar: I Second it.

The question that Clause 1 stands part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clause 1 was added to the Bill.

Clause 2.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: After 'no person shall, within the area included in the scheme erect or proceed with any building or work' I suggest to delete 'or remove or pull down'.

President: You are suggesting an amendment. Have you given notice of an amendment?

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: I have not tabled one. I want only a clarification.

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai: The Section is that 'no person shall, within the area included in this scheme, erect or proceed with any building or work or remove, pull down or alter any building or part of a building'.....

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: Why should not a person be given the right of pulling down his own building? Why should there be such a restriction? Suppose it is found in a dangerous condition, and it requires pulling down, why should he wait for three months?

President: Where is this three months?

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai: That is because a revaluation becomes necessary.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Moreover he has only to obtain permission.

President: Apart from that there are obvious difficulties. Supposing the man after pulling down a building without giving any notice to anybody, says after a time that the building was worth two lakhs of rupees and that he did not know that it was worth so much at the time it was pulled down.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: But supposing the building is in a dangerous condition, why cannot he pull it down on his own accord.

President: The other alternative would be more dangerous. Supposing a kind of inalienable right is given to a person to pull down a building Compensation may have to be given to him. He may say that the building was mainly of marble and all the rest of it and claim an enormous amount by way of compensation.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: He pulls it down on his own risk. He does not want any compensation and the Government need not give him any. If he wants to do so why should he be precluded?

The question that Clause 2 stands part of the Bill was put and carried.

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Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

The question that Clauses 3 and 4 stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 3 and 4 were added to the Bill.

The question that the preamble and title of the Bill stand part of the Bill, was put and carried.

The preamble and title were added to the Bill.

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai : I move that the Bill be passed.

The motion was put and carried and the bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE CHITTIES BILL.

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai : I move that the Travancore Chitties Bill, as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. V. N. Padmanabha Pillai (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : I move that explanations (1) and (2) given in Clause 3, sub clause 2 be deleted.

President : Order, order. You have given notice for amendment of Clause 3. We have not yet come to Clause 3, because clauses 1 and 2 have not been put to vote. At the present stage when the motion is for consideration, remarks and observations on the Bill, as a whole may be made.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : The Bill, as a whole, when compared to the previous Act, has made certain stringent provisions as against the foreman. The Bill would seem to suggest that till now all the fault was on the side of the foreman and that the subscribers were all very good boys. I wish to suggest.....

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai : On a point of order, Sir, This is a Bill which has been sent to the Select Committee and passed by the Assembly. Is it open for discussion now?

President : It is open to him to speak on it.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Not that I object to it.

President : Elsewhere in the other Chamber, the foreman seems to have had very little support. Mr. Joseph seems to be otherwise inclined.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : I was saying that from the Bill it would appear that the foremen were all sinners. But a careful study of the reasons for the collapse of the Chitties during the last ten

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